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Applicants: Soutar et al.  
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MANUFACTURE  
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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This reply is made in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2000. Kindly enter the following remarks in response to the Office Action. The present Office Action has finally rejected claims 1-25 in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 4, line 6, please replace both recitations of the word "conductive" and with  
--conductive--.